
Backup Fails with Invalid State AutoClosed

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A SQL backup job fails consistently or occasionally with the following error:

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The database is in an invalid state for backups: _____. State = Normal,
AutoClosed
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Explanation

The **AutoClose** property of an SQL database determines how the database acts with respect to database utilization. If **AutoClose** is set to "True" then, during a period of inactivity, the database is closed and its resources are freed. If **AutoClose** is set to **False**, the database is kept open whether it is being used or not. The reason we require **AutoClose** be set to **False** is that we cannot back up a data that is closed. Having AutoClose disabled guarantees the database is always in a state we can back up.

Resolution

Follow the [steps in this article](#) to change the value of the AutoClose property for any databases not backing up because of this problem.

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